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For : METHOD FOR COATING METALLIC SURFACES, COATING  
COMPOSITION, AND COATINGS PRODUCED IN SAID  
MANNER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: